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## Instructions:

- 1. Cut out the cover insert, on page 1, around the outer perimeter. Do not cut along the center.
- 2. Fold the cover insert in half, with the text on the outside.
- 3. Insert the cover insert in the CD case cover.
- 4. Cut out the tray insert, on page 2, around the outer perimeter.
- 5. The right-most long narrow title "tab", on the tray insert, is for CD case with a transparent tray. Remove this "tab" if the CD case has an opaque tray.
- 6. Fold the left and right long narrow title "tabs" to a 90 degree angle, away from the main tray cover portion. If the right-most "tab" is retained for a transparent tray, fold that "tab" 90 degrees again, away from the title "tab" next to it. The text should appear around the exterior of the folded cover, not the interior.
- 7. Remove the tray from the case.
- 8. Place the tray insert in the case.
- 9. Insert the tray, being careful that the title tabs are flat against the case.
- 10. Please appropriately discard this portion and the scrap bits of paper.

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John Peerybingle, a carrier, lives with his wife Dot (who is much younger than he), their baby, their nanny Tilly Slowboy, and a mysterious lodger. A cricket constantly chirps on the hearth and acts as a guardian angel to the family, at one point assuming a human voice to warn John that his suspicions that Dot is having an affair with the lodger are wrong.

The life of the Peerybingles frequently intersects with that of Caleb Plummer, a poor toymaker employed by the miser Mr. Tackleton. Caleb has a blind daughter Bertha and a son Edward, who travelled to South America and seemingly never returned. Tackleton is now on the eve of marrying Edward's sweetheart, May.

In the end, the lodger is revealed to be none other than Edward. Tackleton's heart is melted by the Christmas season, like Ebeneezer Scrooge, and surrenders May to marry her true love. It is suggested ambiguously that Bertha regains her sight at the end. (Summary from Wikipedia)

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